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I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the joint statement by the delegation of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the delegation of the Tajik opposition, adopted in Moscow on 26 April 1995 (see annex).

I should be most grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

JOINT STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN AND THE DELEGATION OF THE TAJIK OPPOSITION

High-level consultations between the plenipotentiary delegations of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Tajik opposition were held from 19 to 26 April in Moscow under the auspices of the United Nations and with the participation of observers from Afghanistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, the Russian Federation and Uzbekistan. Realizing the great responsibility for the fate of the Tajik people, the parties state their firm commitment to settling the conflict and achieving national reconciliation in the country through exclusively peaceful, political means on the basis of mutual concessions and compromises.

The parties agreed to include two questions on the agenda for the consultations:

1. The status of and urgent measures to enhance the effective implementation of the Agreement on a Provisional Cease-fire and the Cessation of Other Hostilities on the Tajik-Afghan Border and within the Country for the Duration of the Talks, definition of the ways and means to prevent breaches of the Agreement, and its extension;

2. The agenda, venue and dates for holding the fourth round of inter-Tajik talks on the important political and institutional questions approved during the first round of talks.

In order to enhance the effective implementation of the Agreement, the parties agreed to include the following additions to its text:

- In paragraph 2 (a) after the words "military formations in Tajikistan", insert the words: "and in the territory of the Islamic State of Afghanistan"; the Joint Commission and United Nations military observers will carry out monitoring functions in the territory of the Islamic State of Afghanistan when they have received the official agreement of the Afghan authorities;

- In paragraph 2 (c) after the words "unlawful arrest and detention,", insert the words: "searches for political reasons";

- Reword paragraph 2 (d) in the following manner: "The prevention of actions to disable or blockade national economic, military and other installations, populated areas and all means of communication;";

- In paragraph 2 (e) after the words "mass media", insert the words: "printed materials, and audio and video cassettes".

The parties agreed to consider the questions at issue concerning redeployment and relocation before the fourth round of inter-Tajik talks.

The delegations of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Tajik opposition welcome the statement by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation that Russian border guards and Russian servicemen in Tajikistan in the Collective Peace-keeping Forces of the Commonwealth of Independent States, respecting and recognizing the agreements of the Tajik parties, are not violating them in carrying out their functions.

The parties stated their firm determination to strengthen the role of the Joint Commission as the basic body that monitors implementation of the Agreement. In this connection, they decided to expand the membership of the Commission to 14 persons (7 on each side). They confirmed the obligation that they had undertaken to provide material and technical assistance for the activities of the Commission, as set forth in the protocol of the Joint Commission. At the same time, the two parties appealed to the States Members of the United Nations to provide financial support to the Joint Commission through a special purpose fund in order to better equip it with means of transport and communication. The parties also noted the importance of regular (at least twice a month) access by the members of the Commission to the mass media, and also of ensuring the possibility of anonymous communication by citizens with the Joint Commission, inter alia by means of a telephone.

The parties agreed to extend the period of validity of the Agreement by one month, until 26 May 1995.

The parties welcome the agreement by the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Mr. E. Rakhmonov, and the leader of the Tajik opposition, Mr. A. Nuri, to conduct a meeting at the highest level and they express the hope that the meeting will take place before the fourth round of inter-Tajik talks.

The delegations of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Tajik opposition agreed to hold the fourth round of inter-Tajik talks in Alma Ata, beginning on 22 May 1995, and to include on the agenda for the talks the fundamental questions of the constitutional structure and consolidation of the statehood of the Republic of Tajikistan, as they were set forth during the first round of inter-Tajik talks held in Moscow in April 1994.

The parties express their appreciation to the Government of the Russian Federation for the help provided in organizing and holding the consultations in Moscow. They also express their gratitude to the representatives of the observer States for their assistance and support during the high-level consultations.

The parties express their appreciation to the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General, Mr. Piriz-Ballon, for his help in organizing and holding the inter-Tajik consultations.

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